

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/780,681 Confirmation No.: 8254
Applicant : Thomas A. Kean
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Title : Method of Using a Mask Programmed Key to Securely Configure
a Field Programmable Gate Array
Group Art Unit : 2135
Examiner : Linh L D Son
Docket No. : 13271.2
Customer No. : 34313

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.